

# S.tandards O.f L.earning

*-for Betsy DeVoss*

*rRrRrRrRrRrRrRrRrRrRats*

can drool to bells

*if you train em right*

**QUIET**

they race through mazes dazed they pound

the buttons *if you train 'em right*

**con-** trolld , ditioned **D** *if you train 'em right*

just *drilldrilldrilldrilldrill*

so kids, right? kids

can school to bells

*if you train em right*

**QUIET**

they slog thru halls like mazes dazed they pound

computer keys *if you train em right* ,fill

bubbles *if you train em right* ,play

**A**

sports *if you train em right* ,grow

bored *if you train em right* ,play

call of duty *if you train em right* ,grow

anxious *if you train em right* ,helpless

*if you train em right* ,keep

**QUIET** *if you train em right* ,be

-have *if you train em right* – *drilldrilldrilldrilldrill*

*rRrRrRrRrRrRrRrRrRr*

*who needs Christ or guns*

*to pen the sheep*

**QUIET**

*when Skinner's science works*

*just fine to skin the working class*

*and chimes so nice on NPR to boot*

so *tick* the box the education in a box one *tick*

size fits all the boxes fill with pencil

stay within the lines

**QUIET**

stay within the lines

“SCREENS teach SCREENS teach SCREENS keep the kids

engaged” *{in combat}* they TECH the TEST the STEM theTEST

the TECH the standard

set by *capital* the BUY OUR tests TESTS

our TEST grading service *buy*  
 our TEST prep programme *buy*  
     its digital platform *buy* **B**  
 our techs to test the TESTing *buy*  
 our TEST security *BUY* computers *computers* computers  
*computers* computers  
 for *computers* are the new messiahs **QUIET**  
     and messiahs cost money  
 come to preach to us computers tests and standards  
     come ptreach the virtues of capital  
         *voucher voucher voucher*  
     come teach us how to break ourselves  
 come teach to us computers tests and standards  
     like rats im prisond  
         in boxes **QUIET**  
     schooled in subtle violence  
 police patrol the halls the doors alarms the **C**  
     ( *rRrRrRrRrrrr* ) trans ,parency  
         et profit, public  
     schools like prisons locked **QUIET**  
 down but *voucher voucher voucher*  
     valuable commodities  
     wasted on the proles youll  
     buy your education you will }  
     buy your education you will } *loop*  
         {here's a coupon}  
     buy your education you will }  
     buy your education you will } *loop*  
         *voucher voucher voucher*  
 and bleed the People dry in a boarded up school  
*if you train em right, train em* }  
*if you right right train, if you* }  
*right, if you train, if you right* }  
*if you train em, if you train em,* } *play*  
*right right, if you train em, right* }  
*train em, right right, if you train em . . .* }  
*if you train em right ,they blunt their joy*  
*if you train em right ,they stay poor* **QUIET**

*if you train em right* ,you'll shame them straight  
*if you train em right* ,they'll drain their hope **F**  
*if you train em right* ,they'll go enlist  
*if you train em right* each race will keep its place

each casualty kiss their wounds  
and thank you for it  
blame themselves

*if you train em right* ,they'll ask nothing **QUIET**

*if you train em right* ,they'll ask for nothing

*if you train em right* ,they'll analyse nothing

*if you train em right* ,fight for nothing

except their enemies **B**

*if you train em right* ,they'll stomach anything

*if you train em right*

in

-formation in

-serted in **C**

drillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrills . . . . .

sit . . .

still we shall slip it brainwise **QUIET**

pedagogy of power

painless as a lobotomy needle

safe as a cleanly prison . . . . .

drillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrills

like lab-rats cheese-stripped **A**

bubblesheets dangling

*stay within the lines*

wrangling eht cattle **QUIET** caught

strangled before the bells like **D**

cattle slaughterly **QUIET** through

security the halls **D** hurried *rRrRrRrRrRrrr* **QUIET**

DISCIPLINE test fleeting prop

aganda screen the drillsdrillsdrills *how* **C**

to get a job to keep a job *how*

to follow orders *how* to fill out forms *how* } *play*

to follow follow *how* to follow *how* *how* }

to follow follow *how* *how* to follow to follow to follow to follow to follow to follow who's

in charge **B** drillsdrillsdrillsdrills for your

good **QUIET**

students

grown-conditioned

degrade into adults

they salivate **B**

can wake and sleep to bells

*if you train em right ,get*

office jobs *if you train em right ,watch*

netflix *if you train em right ,chase*

money *if you train em right ,pray*

**A**

*if you train em right ,buy*

i-phones *if you train em right ,fly*

drones *if you train em right*

bored to killing *if you train em right ,blind*

*if you train em right ,deaf*

*if you train em right ,dumb*

*if you train em right ,bigotted*

*if you train em right ,they stay within the lines*

drillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrillsdrills

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Friere: Any situation in which men prevent others from engaging in the process of inquiry is one of violence.

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violence violence violence violence } *loop & improvise*

violence violence violence violence }

*if you train em right* they can measure out their rope

*if you train em right* they can cut the length themselves

*if you train em right* they can loop a hefty knot

*if you train em right* they can place it round their necks

*if you train em right* they can dangle as they die

and fill out forms or pour concrete or warp their spines for you

while their death-throes stretch for decades

and on their own dime, too. The profits yours.

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